



**Kildare
Public
Participation
Network**

**Quarterly Report
Q1 2020**

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INTRODUCTION

This was a very busy Quarter for the PPN with only one staff member in the organisation as January saw the retirement of the Kildare PPN Resource Worker, Bernard Higgins. Bernard had worked with Kildare PPN since its inception in 2016 and was recognized for all his hard work in developing the PPN over the past 5 years and supporting the Secretariat in their vision.

The 2021 Workplan was finalized in Q1 setting our aims and objectives for the year ahead. We have an ambitious workplan for the year ahead, but we are confident we will succeed in achieving our goals.

During Q1 we hosted two important consultation workshops, one for the County Development Plan, and the other for the National Dialogue on Climate Action. These workshops really highlighted the invaluable voices and ideas throughout the Kildare PPN. The recommendations made during these workshops were formed into submissions on behalf of Kildare PPN.

We also held 2 Community Grant Information Sessions in conjunction with the Community Department in Kildare County Council to give help any community groups that may be confused by the application process or had any questions about the grants. Both sessions were well attended with great feedback from participants.

We look forward to welcoming the new Resource Worker in Q2 and to further develop Kildare Public Participation Network as a participatory structure and useful resource for our members.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Aims

- ❖ To facilitate and encourage public participation in local decision making
- ❖ To facilitate the representation of the Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental groups onto decision making bodies
- ❖ To strengthen the capacity of organisations to contribute positively to the community

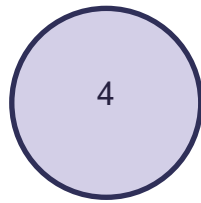
Objectives

- ❖ Encourage greater participation in public decision making which leads to more effective and better targeted policies and programmes at local level and where necessary at a regional and national level
- ❖ Develop alternative methods and models of working which seek to directly involve and empower groups and individuals within the community.
- ❖ Support Kildare PPN representatives to achieve the policy objective of Kildare PPN

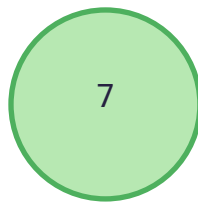
MEMBERSHIP

Kildare PPN's membership between 1st January 2021 - 31st March 2021.

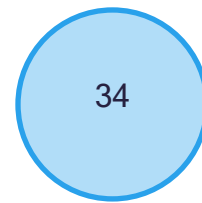
New Membership in Quarter 1



Social Inclusion

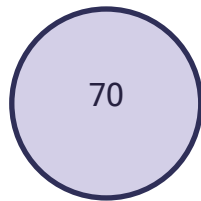


Environmental

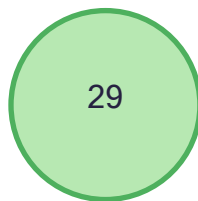


Community & Voluntary

Total Membership as of the 31st of March 2020



Social Inclusion



Environmental



Community & Voluntary

REPRESENTATION

Kildare PPN currently has representation on the following committees:

Committee	College	No.
Local Community Development Committee	Community/Voluntary	2
Local Community Development Committee	Social Inclusion	2
Local Community Development Committee	Environmental	1
Joint Policing Committee	Community & Voluntary	2
Environment Services & Water SPC	Community & Voluntary	1
Environment Services & Water SPC	Environmental	1
Housing Strategic Policy Committee SPC	Community & Voluntary	1
Housing Strategic Policy Committee SPC	Social Inclusion	1
Transport Strategic Policy Committee	Community & Voluntary	1
Local Community and Cultural SPC	Environmental	1
Local Community and Cultural SPC	Community & Voluntary	1
Local Community and Cultural SPC	Social Inclusion	1
Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning SPC	Social Inclusion	1
Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning SPC	Environmental	1
Climate Action SPC	Community & Voluntary	1
Climate Action SPC	Environmental	1
County Kildare Heritage Forum	Community & Voluntary	2
County Kildare Heritage Forum	Environmental	1
Drehid Liaison Committee	Community & Voluntary	2
	Total Representatives	24

Kildare PPN Secretariat

Seat	Representative
Athy MD Seat	Declan Nolan
Celbridge - Leixlip Seat	Dermot O'Donnell
Clane Maynooth Seat	Vacant*
Kildare - Newbridge MD Seat	Vacant
Naas MD Seat	Vacant
Community & Voluntary Seat	James Cotter
Community & Voluntary Seat	Louise Allen
Environmental Seat	Cliona Kelliher
Environmental Seat	Suzanne Murphy
Social Inclusion Seat	P.J. Fagan
Social Inclusion Seat	Anne Crowe

*The Clane-Maynooth MD Representative resigned from the PPN at the March Secretariat meeting.

CONSULTATIONS


Kildare County Development Plan

Kildare PPN hosted a facilitated workshop on the 18th of February to give PPN members the opportunity to discuss and share what they would like to see included in the County Development Plan.


Acting Senior Executive Planner, Jane O'Reilly attended the Zoom meeting, and presented a brief overview of the County Development Plan to participants.

This was then followed by an open discussion where all attendees had the opportunity to speak, sharing their ideas and suggestions. These suggestions, were then collated and formed Kildare PPN's submission to the County Development Plan.

A copy of Kildare PPN's submission can be accessed here: <https://www.kildareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Kildare-PPN-Submission-County-Development-Plan-1.pdf>



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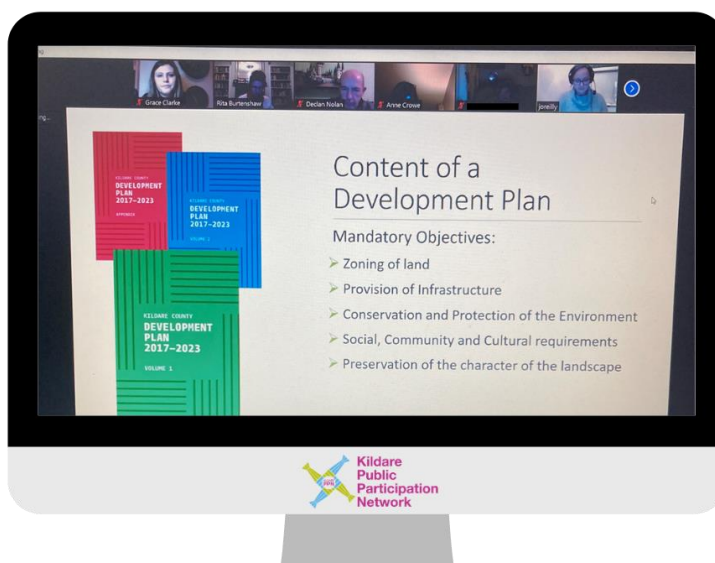


What would you like to see included in Kildare PPN's submission to the County Development Plan?

Join our online discussion for PPN members to share your ideas/suggestions to help us form our submission

Thursday 18th of February 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Zoom



Kildare PPN Climate Conversations - National Dialogue on Climate Action

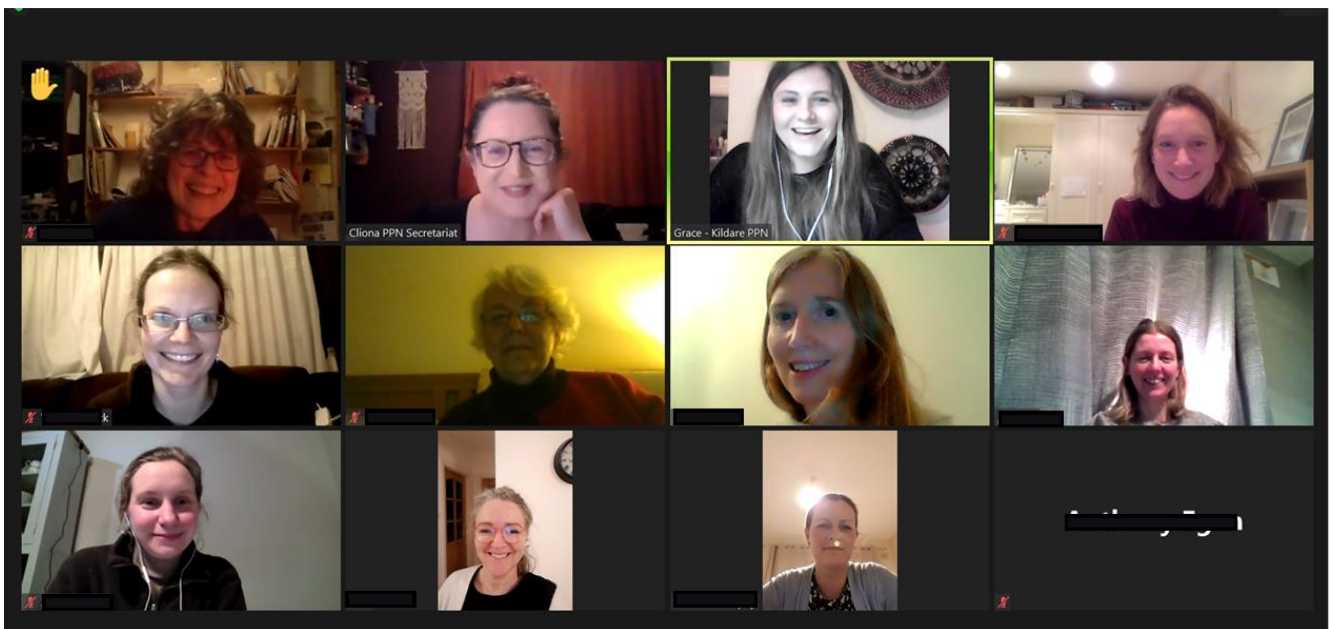
The Climate Conversations are part of a series of conversations happening across the country connected to the government's National Dialogue on Climate Action and to inform the development of its 2021 Climate Action Plan. Kildare PPN were one of the PPN's invited to host our own Climate Conversation.



On the 12th of March, we held our Climate Conversation via Zoom, facilitated by Cliona Kelliher, Environmental Representative on the Kildare PPN Secretariat, where we discussed and captured a snapshot of our hopes and concerns for local climate action, our recommendations for the design of the Climate Action Fund, and for the Climate Action Plan.

The group had some fantastic insights and ideas and their passion for Climate Action was evident.

The notes from the conversation were then collated and sent to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication to feed into the National Dialogue on Climate Action.



Kildare PPN's submission can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/PPNClimateConvo>

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Community Grant Information Sessions



Kildare PPN hosted two Community Grant Information Sessions on Zoom in collaboration with the Community Section in Kildare County Council. The session highlighted the grant scheme guidelines covering what groups could /couldn't apply and what projects would be eligible. At

the end of the information session, there was a Question and Answer session where participants had the opportunity to ask any questions in relation to the scheme or their applications. The feedback from the session were very positive.

- 18th March 2021 - 40 Participants attended.
- 23rd March 2021 - 35 Participants attended.

Kildare PPN attended the following meetings in Q1:

- Launch event for the Kildare Volunteer Centre Strategic Plan
- Launch event for Social Justice Ireland's Research Report: Delivering Deliberative Democracy
- Social Inclusion Week Steering Group Meeting
- Midlands Regional PPN Meetings
- Kildare Diaspora Consultation Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media



17% increase in Followers



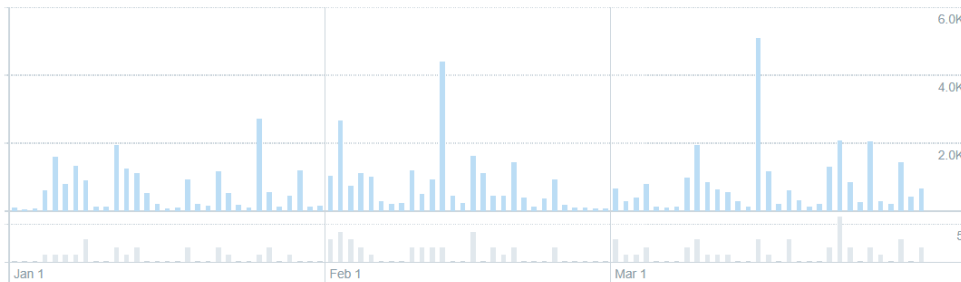
16% increase in Followers

Kildare PPN Twitter Activity between January 1st - March 31st 2021

Analytics Home Tweets More ▾ Kildare PPN ▾ ✕ ▾ Sign up for Twitter Ads

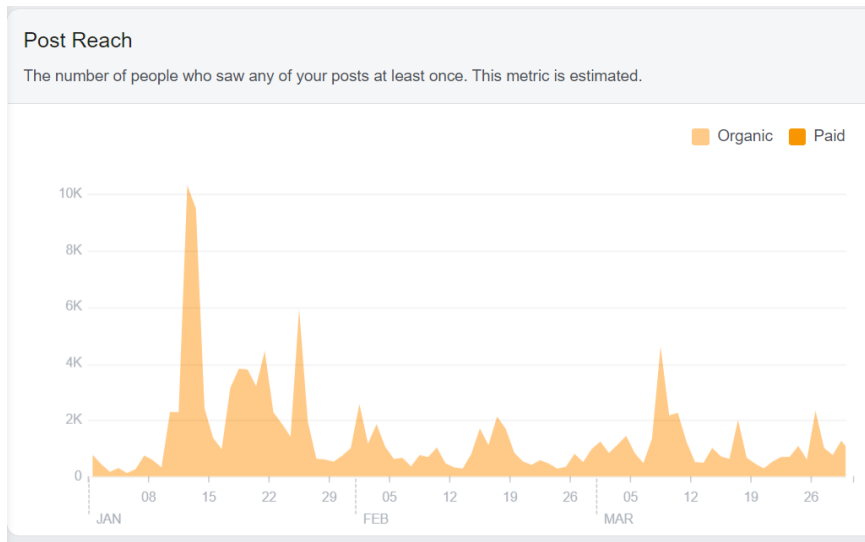
Tweet activity Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2021 ▾ Export data ▾

Your Tweets earned **67.5K impressions** over this **90 day** period



YOUR TWEETS
During this 90 day period, you earned **750 impressions** per day.

Facebook Reach between 1st January 2020 to 31st March 2021



National Public Consultations advertised: 9
Regional Public Consultations advertised: 9
Funding Opportunities shared: 25
Training Opportunities shared: 14
PPN and Community Information: 17
Useful Resources and Reports: 18
Covid-19 Information and Resources: 1



6 E-bulletins were sent in Q1 of 2021 via Salesforce containing information including information on, grant opportunities, public meetings, public consultations, training and anything we feel may be beneficial to our member groups.

TRAINING

- Developing an Annual Report - The Carmichael Centre (Support Worker)
- Bee Free Pro / Eventbrite for Salesforce - Dublin Volunteer Centre (Support Worker)
- Climate Action Local Authority Awareness Training (Support Worker)
- Children's First E-Learning (Support Worker)
- Webinar: Running Events On and Offline - The Wheel (Support Worker)
- Local Authority Climate Action Course (Support Worker)

ADMINISTRATION

2021 Work Plan

The Kildare PPN Work Plan for 2021 was approved by the Secretariat on the 25th of January 2021 outlining our main aims and objectives for the year ahead. You can view a copy of Kildare PPN's 2021 Work Plan at the following link:

<https://www.kildareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-Work-Plan.pdf>

Income and Expenditure

Kildare PPN's Income and Expenditure Report for 2020 was finalised and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development. This can be accessed on the PPN website under the 'Our Governance' section.

Recruitment Process for Resource Worker

The recruitment process to appoint a new Resource worker was undertaken during Quarter 1 in collaboration with our host organisation County Kildare LEADER Partnership (CKLP). The position was advertised on ActiveLink, Jobs.ie and on Kildare PPN and CKLP's website and social media channels. Suitable applicants were shortlisted and invited for an interview with the Manager of CKLP along with two Secretariat members from Kildare PPN. The successful applicant will start in Quarter 2.

Q1 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME*	
Dept. of Rural and Community Development	75700.00
Kildare County Council	35000.00
Potential Total Income	110700.00
Fixed Expenses	
Old Resource Worker Salary + PRSI * 1 Month	3478.45
Support Worker Salary + PRSI *3 Months	7635.54
CKLP Administration Fee	3000.00
Insurance	569.00
Total Fixed Expenses	14682.99
January	
Zoom Subscription	162.72
Stationary (Printer Ink, Paper)	618.42
Total January	781.14
February	
Facilitator Fees (CPD)	369.00
Total February	369.00
March	
Postage	17.20
Total March	17.20
Total Spend in Q1	15,850.33
*Maximum Available	94,849.67

* Dependant on whether DRCD and KCC contribute the maximum amounts.